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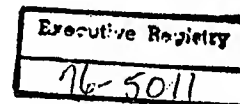
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The Honorable William P. Clements, Jr.
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20330

Dear Mr. Secretary

In our 14 July meeting at Naval Materiel Command, we discussed the potential for erosion of our technological lead through commercial multinational ventures. Of primary concern to you was the intercept of technological data transmitted by satellite.

I have pursued this important question by researching the GE/SNECMA (France) program for producing the commercial CFM-56 turbo fan engine. The CFM-56, scheduled for use in the 1980s, utilizes F-101 (B-1 engine) technology. It has progressed to the point where test data as I reported is now flowing regularly between GE Evendale (Ohio) and SNECMA Villaroche (France) via satellite and other means.

I found the Air Force Plant Representative Office (AFPRO), Evendale, the B-1 SPO and the AF Aero Propulsion Lab here at Wright-Patterson worked with the State Department to develop security safeguards. These were consummated into a joint U.S. Department of Defense/French Ministry of Armed Forces agreement. Confidential and UAT hardware and data are handled and transmitted in accordance with strict security arrangements established between our governments. Only unclassified data is transmitted by normal commercial means -- including satellite transmissions.

Your question bothered me because I didn't know the answer. Trust that this information will set your mind at rest.

Sincerely,

F. M. ROGERS
General, USAF
Commander

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